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SOUTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 SHEEP INVENTORY

SIOUX FALLS, SD, January 29, 2016 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in South Dakota on January 1, 2016 totaled 255,000 head, unchanged from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 200,000 head, unchanged from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled a record low 161,000 head, down 1,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 33,000 head, up 1,000 from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 55,000 head, unchanged from last year. A total of 2,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 53,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 3,500 lambs were under 65 pounds; 7,000 were 65-84 pounds; 10,500 were 85-105 pounds; 32,000 were over 105 pound.

The 2015 lamb crop totaled 215,000 head, unchanged from 2014. The 2015 lambing rate was 133 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 125 per 100 ewes in 2014.

Shorn wool production during 2015 totaled 1,750,000 pounds, unchanged from 2014. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 230,000 head, unchanged from last year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2015 was \$1.26 per pound, compared with \$1.52 in 2014. The total value of wool produced in South Dakota was \$2,205,000 in 2015.

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